

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.22314 of 2006

Dated: 30-10-2006

Between:

T. Seshadri.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, rep. by its Executive Officer,
Chittoor, and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

The petitioner is allegedly one of the Mirasidars of Sri Govindaraja Swamy Temple, Tirupati, Chittoor District. The said temple has number of sub temples within its complex. One such sub temple is dedicated to Sri Vedantha Desikar, a profounder and guru of Vedagalai sect of Vaishnavites. It appears that as a customary rite every year the temple celebrates Sathumorai of Sri Vedantha Desikar on Sravana Nakshatram day during 15th September and 15th October. In that connection, respondent No.2, Deputy Executive Officer of Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam(TTD), announced special programme to be held on 30-10-2006. In the said programme, it is allegedly mentioned that Parrivittam (temple Honours) would be done to the members of respondent No.1 before providing the same to the presiding deity. Feeling aggrieved by this, the petitioner filed instant writ petition seeking a writ of Certiorari quashing the proceedings of respondent No.2, namely, the Deputy Executive Officer, TTD, Tirupathi, in the form of revised special programme in connection with Sathumorai of Sri Vedantha Desikar to be held on 30-10-2006.

The writ petition is based on allegation that if as per the revised programme, parrivittam is done to the members of TTD before the presiding deity, it would violate the sentiments and customs of the Vedagalai sect of Vaishnavites. No material is placed in support of the allegation that during yester years, the temple was adopting the method of arranging parrivittam to the trustees of the temple only after such Honours are done to the presiding deity. In these matters, TTD, which has a body of advisors in performing temple rituals, is best Judge and a Court of judicial review is ill equipped to decide such cases. Such issues are matter of settled method of performing ceremonies and rituals in ancient temples. They lack adjudicative disposition. This Court, therefore, cannot interfere in these matters.

The petitioner filed the writ petition aggrieved by the revised programme issued by respondent No.2 to be held on 30-10-2006. Even in that view of the matter, it would not be proper for this Court to adjudicate the matter, when programme is about to be completed. If the petitioner has any grievance about these things, he or the likes of him may make a detailed representation to the Chief Executive Officer of TTD, in which event these issues can be considered at appropriate time. In this writ petition, no relief can be granted to the petitioner.

The writ petition, with the above observations, is accordingly

dismissed. No costs.

V.V.S.RAO, J

30th October, 2006
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